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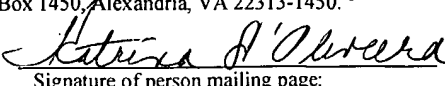
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The following references are noted as being potentially relevant to the subject matter of the present application:

U.S. Pat. No. 3,896,891 (Miltenberg et al.) shows a power wheelchair that can be dismantled into two side frames (each including its wheels and a motor), a battery tray, a seat and a seat back (including the controller electronics). It is understood that the seat and battery tray provide structural connection between the two side frame members of the wheelchair.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,209,073 (Enix) shows a power wheelchair that can be disassembled into two side frames and an assortment of cross members, including a footrest 72, a motor carrier 55 and a seat 104. The two side frames are connected by diagonal cross bars 22-25.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,405,142 (Whetstine) shows a wheelchair that can be disassembled into two side frames, a front cross-frame (including the front caster wheels), a rear cross frame (including supports for the seat back) and the main wheels. The seat bottom, which is removed separately, consists merely of a sheet of fabric spread between the side frames. Disassembly is accomplished by means of quick-release pins.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,955,624 (Jeun-Long) shows a collapsible wheelchair with a rigid seat. For storage, the seat is unlatched from one side of the wheelchair and hinged upwards on the other.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,967,864 (Boyer et al.) shows a power wheelchair that can be disassembled for transportation and which includes a removable seat module. The whole frame sides are disconnected from one another by removing bolts 50 that hold spacer tubes 48. (See Figs. 3 and 4.)

U.S. Pat. No. 5,358,263 (Aldus et al.) shows a collapsible wheelchair with two essentially rigid side frames joined by removable cross bars. The sides frame members are connected by a folding scissors frame.

PCT WO 03/030800 (Molnar) shows a wheelchair that can be manually, with out the use of tools, taken apart for easy transportation. The side frame assemblies 202 and 204 are removably attached to sub-frame 200 via interfaces preferably in the form of spring loaded hooks on the subassembly and corresponding latches residing on the side frame assemblies.

The following references may also be of interest.

U.S. Patents

2,369,040	4,676,519	5,145,197	5,743,545
3,618,968	4,741,547	5,156,226	5,853,059
3,917,312	4,754,946	5,176,393	6,036,216
3,937,490	4,763,951	5,186,480	6,073,958
3,976,152	5,112,069	5,423,562	6,241,275
4,323,133	5,141,250	5,427,398	6,352,275
4,576,389	5,143,391	5,564,786	

PCT Application

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The references identified on the accompanying Form 1449 may be considered relevant to the subject matter of the present application. Copies of the U.S. patents cited on the Form 1449 need not be submitted pursuant to 1276 OG 55 (August 5, 2003). A copy of the non-U.S. patent references are submitted herewith.

It is requested that the Examiner review the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. § 609. It is also requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute form 1449 and return one copy to the Applicants' undersigned representative.

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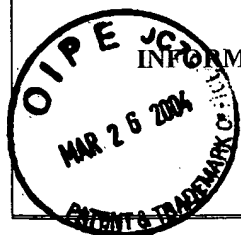
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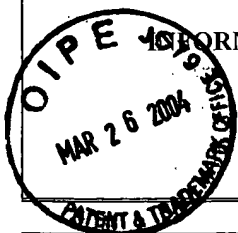
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	BA	5,564,786	10/96	Peek, et al.	297	452.4	
	BB	5,743,545	04/98	Kunze, et al.	280	250.1	
	BC	5,853,059	12/98	Goertzen, et al.	180	65.6	
	BD	6,036,216	03/00	Osborn	280	304.1	
	BE	6,073,958	06/00	Gagnon	280	650	
	BF	6,241,275	06/01	Slagerman	280	650	
	BG	6,352,275	03/02	Lindenkamp	280	250.1	

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	BH	WO 03/030800	04/03	PCT	A61G	5/06	N/A	
	BI	WO 99/17701	04/99	PCT	A61G	5/04	N/A	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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